

## State of New Jersey

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May 14, 2008

Dear Pound Net License Holder: Federal Bluefish Dealer:

As of May 14, 2008 the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 177,492 pounds of bluefish have been landed during the 2008 pound net season. The quota allocated to the commercial POUND NET fishery has been harvested. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(b), the **New Jersey commercial POUND NET bluefish fishery will be closed** as of 11:59 PM, Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Effective 12:00 AM, May 15, 2008, no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any bluefish harvested through the use of commercial POUND NET through December 31, 2008. The commercial POUND NET bluefish fishery will re-open on January 1, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

David Chanda Director

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